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## **United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and RWU**

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We also have an excellent relationship with the newest member of the court, The Honorable Rogeriee Thompson, who moved from the Rhode Island Superior Court to the First Circuit last spring, after being unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. In recognition of her excellent service for two decades on the state bench, [Roger Williams awarded Judge Thompson a Doctor of Laws degree](#) shortly after her ascension to the federal court. Judge Thompson has worked with our [Multicultural Law Students Association Mentor Program](#), has for more than a decade sponsored our students as judicial externs, and hired two of our terrific '08 graduates for her first team of law clerks. Angie Cooper and Max Green are enjoying one of the most amazing post-graduate opportunities available, a coveted clerkship for a top federal judge. Congratulations Max and Angie!

